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Sully Historic Site Hosts War of 1812 Muster

Gather at Sully Historic Site in Chantilly from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 19, 2007 for the War of 1812 Muster. Learn how our young country defeated the British a second time! In the early 19th century, military musters were a time of recruitment and training for the troops and socializing for civilians. Watch soldiers fire their muskets, then take up a practice musket and drill with the Army. See, and hear, the Navy exercise the great gun (a six-pounder cannon) and visit with the ship's surgeon to find out about early medical practices. Members of the Maryland Light Dragoons demonstrate how horses were used in battle.

Dance to early 19th century tunes, play period games and make a craft to take home.

Visit the open hearth kitchen and experience the sights and smells as meats, vegetables and desserts are prepared. At the slave quarter, learn about the role of African Americans on a Federal period gentleman's farm and their valiant service in the War of 1812. Tour the 1794 house and hear about Richard Bland Lee's role in forming the new government.

Lunch and snacks will be available for purchase.

The cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. For information, call Sully at 703-437-1794. Sully Historic Site is located on Route 28. From the Beltway (495) take either I-66 west to Route 28 north or the Dulles Toll Road, to exit 9A (Route 28 South)

Media Note: Photographs depicting previous events at Sully Historic Site can be accessed at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/press/photos.

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